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SUBJECT: CUBA ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTSWANA

REF: GABORONE 2684

1. GRANMA, DECEMBER 9, ANNOUNCES THAT CUBA AND BOTSWANA HAVE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND HAVE AGREED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND CONSULAR TIES. ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT INDICATE WHETHER RESIDENT MISSIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN HAVANA AND GABORONE.

2. COMMENT: CUBANS ARE PRESUMABLY DESIROUS OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH BOTSWANA TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE THEIR TIES WITH THE FRONT-LINE STATES AND TO OFFSET ANY POLITICAL DAMAGE OCCASIONED BY RECENT USG STATEMENTS ON CUBAN AFRICA POLICY AND SOMALI DIPLOMATIC BREAK. BOTSWANA MAY ALSO FIGURE IN FUTURE CUBAN DESIGNS FOR GENERATING PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA (E.G. POSSIBLY AS WAY STATION FOR ANY INFILTRATION). WITH REGARD TO NEAR-TERM MILITARY DIMENSION, CUBANS HAVE PERIODICALLY LAMBASTED RHODESIA FOR ARMED ATTACKS ON BOTSWANA TERRITORY. WHETHER CUBANS INTEND TO PROVIDE ANY MILITARY PROTECTION, TRAINING, OR GUARANTEE FOR BOTSWANA IS
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NOT STATED. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH AS ANALOGY, THRUST OF RECENT CUBAN COMMENTARY ON RHODESIAN INCURSIONS INTO MOZAMBIQUE HAS BEEN THAT "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY" (UN, NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, OAU), NOT CUBA AND SOCIALIST STATES, SHOULD GUARANTEE SECURITY OF FRONTIERS.
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